

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action. Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments made herein.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claim 4.

Claims 3, 5-7, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Howie, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 5,688,461). Claim 3 has been cancelled herein and claims 5-7 and 13 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 4. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36416.

Respectfully submitted,
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